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SUBJ: CROWN PRINCE FAHD VISIT TO THE US

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- 1. WE HAVE BEEN PRESSING THE ROYAL DIWAN TO GIVE US THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY CROWN PRINCE FAHD TO THE US AND THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO WILL STAY WITH HIM AT BLAIR HOUSE. WE AGAIN TODAY (MAY 11) RAISED THE MATTER WITH THE ROYAL DIWAN AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL. WE ALSO MADE THE ADDITIONAL POINT THAT IF THEY INTEND TO PROPOSE ANY CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM FOR THE OFFICIAL PORTION OF THE VISIT WHICH WE HAVE SUGGESTED (REF B) WE WILL NEED TO KNOW WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS FIRM ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW BEING MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE SAG'S INDICATION OF GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH OUR PROPOSED SCHEDULE.
- 2. THE ROYAL DIWAN SAID THAT THEY WOULD TRY TO HAVE ANSWERS FOR US BY SATURDAY MAY 14. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO LET US KNOW BEFORE THEN BECAUSE OF THE ALMOST TOTAL PREOCCUPATION OF THE CROWN PRINCE AND HIS ENTOURAGE WITH THE FESTIVITIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE KING'S RETURN TO THE KINGDOM. (ON THURSDAY COURT WILL MOVE TO MEDINA AND ON SATURDAY BE BACK IN RIYADH FOR FURTHER CEREMONIES.)
- 3. PRINCE FAHD'S PERSONAL ASSITANT HAS TOLD US MAY 11 THAT COMPOS-CONFIDENTIAL

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ITION OF OFFICIAL PARTY IS STILL NOT KNOWN. IT WOULD INCLUDE PRINCE FONMIN PRINCE SA'UD, AND TWO OR THREE OTHER MINISTERS. PRINCE'S

ROUTE ALSO UNCERTAIN: PRINCE HAD PLANNED TO STOP OFF IN SPAIN ENROUTE, BUT THIS MAY BE CANCELLED.

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